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SUBJ: ASAD REGRETS HE CANNOT MEET WITH FORD JULY 26.

REF: A. DAMASCUS 2757; B. STATE 170470

1. AT 1030 LOCAL JULY 20 PRESIDENCY FURNISHED US FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ASAD TO PRESIDENT FORD.

2. QTE PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASAD SENDS HIS WARM REGARDS TO PRESIDENT GERALD FORD AND THANKS HIM FOR HIS MESSAGE CONCERNING THEIR PROPOSED MEETING IN EUROPE.

PRESIDENT AL-ASAD REGRETS THAT THE PROPOSED DATE FOR THE MEETING WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE AND BELIEVES THAT PRESIDENT FORD WILL UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS DUE ONLY TO THE SHORTNESS OF THE TIME LEFT, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE REMAINING PERIOD IS FILLED WITH PREVIOUSLY FIXED COMMITMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, PRESIDENT AL-ASAD APPRECIATES THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH PREVENTED EARLIER CONTACTS DESIGNED TO ARRANGE THE MEETING. PRESIDENT AL-ASAD SHARES PRESIDENT FORD'S DESIRE TO ARRANGE A MEETING BETWEEN THEM AT A SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY IN THE FUTURE.

PRESIDENT AL-ASAD WISHES PRESIDENT FORD A SUCCESSFUL TRIP. UNQTE.
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